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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: B. Bhat, et al.
Serial No.: 10/688,691 (Case No. 20717YCA)

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For: NUCLEOSIDE DERIVATIVES AS
INHIBITORS OF RNA-DEPENDENT RNA
VIRAL POLYMERASE

Art Unit:
1623

Examiner:
L.E. Crane

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated February 3, 2006, for which a response is due by May 3, 2006, please amend this application as follows and consider the accompanying remarks which are deemed to place it in condition for allowance.

Please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are reflected on page 2 of this response.
Amendments to the Claims are reflected on page 3 of this response. **Remarks** begin on page 4 of this response.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on the date appearing below.

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